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Bacteria by Flow Cytometer

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2009, please consider the following:

**Listing of Claims** is presented on pages 2-10 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.